

COMMENTS

Claims 1-11

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,086,763 ("Hathman").

The Applicant respectfully traverses such rejection; however, to facilitate speedy issue of the Applicant's patent, claims 1 – 11 have been canceled and will be prosecuted further in a continuing application.

Claims 16-24

Claims 16-24 have been allowed and are the only remaining claims in the application.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at his convenience to resolve any remaining issues. Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 503176.

Respectfully submitted,

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